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 1925 Stone Mountain half dollar. Uncirculated. \$1.25.
 1925 California Diamond Jubilee half dollars. Uncirculated. \$1.75. Balance have been melted.
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 1926 Sesqui \$2 1/2 gold. Uncirculated \$5. Balance have been melted.
 1926 Sesqui half dollar. Uncirculated \$2.
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 \$1 and \$2 notes. Unsigned sheet. Farmington Bank, Farmington, New Hampshire. Uncirculated. \$1 for the pair.

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12. 1851 Unc. Small drift mark on shoulder 90.00
13. 1852 Unc. Mint lustre. V. rare 100.00
14. 1853 Proof. V. rare state 25.00
15. 1853 Unc. Mint lustre. Superb impression 15.00
16. 1853 Ex. fine. Mint lustre. \$3. Unc. 4.00
17. 1854 Unc. Mint lustre. Rare 9.00
18. 1855 Brilliant proof. V. rare 20.00
19. 1855 V. fine, \$7. V. fine, \$5. V. g. 3.00
20. 1856 Brilliant proof 15.00
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| 1854 Q, Fine | 6.50 |
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| 1857 Q, Fine | 6.00 |
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| 1872, 1872 S, Ex. fine | Each 6.50 |
| 1875 S, Very fine, \$3.50. Fine | 7.50 |
| 1876, Proof, \$12.50. Unc. | 8.50 |
| 1876 S, Fine | 6.00 |
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| 1885, Proof, \$15.00. Ex. fine | 10.00 |
| 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1892, 1894, Proof | Each 10.00 |
| 1886, 1887, 1892, 1894, Unc. | Each 6.00 |
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Copper Coins of Mexico, Central America and South America.

By O. P. EKLUND.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION, 1913-1916.

AGUASCALIENTES.

Issued by Francisco Villa.

- 113. 1 centavo, without date. Obv., Liberty cap. Rev., 1 C (1 CENTA-VO) in monogram within wreath.
- 114. 2 centavos. Similar. 2 C in monogram.
- 115. 5 centavos, 1915. Obv., ESTADO DE AGUASCALIENTES. Rev., 5 C in monogram within wreath, date above.
- 116. 5 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar. Rev., 5 | CENTAVOS | 1915 with- in wreath, radiate cap on pole above.
- 117. 20 centavos, 1915. Similar. 20 | CENTAVOS.

CHIHUAHUA.

Issued by Francisco Villa.

- 118. 2 centavos, 1913. Obv., FUERZAS CONSTITUCIONALISTAS, value. Rev., radiate liberty cap, date.

Struck at Parral from metal obtained by melting trolley wires of the Parral-Santa Barbara Railway.



No. 118.

- 119. 5 centavos, 1914-15. Obv., REPUBLICA MEXICANA E. DE CHIA. Radiate liberty cap. Rev., EJERCITO CONSTITUCIONALISTA, date and value.
- 120. 10 centavos, 1914-15. Similar.

CUERNAVACO.

Issued by Emiliano Zapata.

- 121. 20 centavos, without date. C inclosing 20 in round die, counter- marked over the original value on regular Mexican one centavo.
- 122. 40 centavos. Similar, but 40 on two centavo.

DURANGO.

123. 1 centavo, 1914. Obv., ESTADO DE DURANGO, in center 1914.
Rev., 1 CENT within wreath.
124. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar. Lead.
125. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar, smaller date and value.
126. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar. Lead.
127. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar, tall square topped I and square "C" in
CENT.



No. 120.



No. 123.



No. 125.



No. 127.



No. 133.

128. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar. Lead.
129. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar, small I and round C.
130. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar. Lead.
131. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar, tall pointed 1 and a border of dots and
dashes replacing the wreath.
132. 1 centavo, 1914. Similar. Lead.

133. 5 centavos, 1914. Cbv., similar, but a wreath beneath the date.
Rev., 5 | CENTAVOS within a circle of quatrefoils.
134. 1 centavo, 1914. Obv., E. DE DURANGO, in center 1914, three stars
below. Rev., 1 | CENT.
135. 5 centavos, 1914. Obv., similar, but a wreath in place of the stars.
Rev., similar to next to preceding.
136. 5 centavos, 1914. Similar, but smaller date and square "C" in CEN-
TAVOS.
137. 5 centavos, 1914. Similar. Brass.
138. 5 centavos, 1914. Similar, V in place of 5.



No. 134.



No. 135.



No. 141.



No. 142.

139. 5 centavos, 1914. Obv., similar. Rev., 5 | CVS within a border of
large and small pellets.
140. 1 centavo, 1914. Obv., REPUBLICA MEXICANA. Eagle, date.
Rev., ESTADO DE DURANGO, value. Aluminum.
141. 5 centavos, 1914. Similar. Brass.

GUERRERO.

Issued by Emiliano Zapata.

(a) Atlixac Mint.

142. 10 centavos, 1915. Obv., REPUBLICA MEXICANA. Eagle. Rev.,
1915 | 10 | CENTAVOS within wreath; above, ATLIXTAC . GRO .
(GUERRERO).

(b) Taxco Mint.

143. 5 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar. Rev., 5 C in monogram within wreath; above, TAXCO GRO 1915.
 144. 10 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar. Rev., 1915 | 10 | CENTAVOS within wreath; above, TAXCO GRO.
 145. 50 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar. Rev., 1915 on rayed sun | 50 C | TAXCO | GRO within wreath.

(c) Campo Morado (C. M.)

146. 5 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar. Rev., 5 C in monogram within wreath; above, 1915 | C. M.
 147. 20 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar. Rev., 1915 | 20 | CENTAVOS within wreath; above, C. M. GRO.



No. 148.



No. 149.



No. 150.

148. 50 centavos, 1915. Similar.
 149. 50 centavos, 1915. Similar, with a trace of * UN PESO CAMPO MO * beneath the branches on obverse.
 150. 50 centavos, 1915. Similar, but UN PESO only.

The obverse of the last two were struck from dies used for silver coins in 1914, the lettering beneath the branches being partially erased before striking.

(d) Without Mint Mark.

151. 10 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar to No. 140. Rev., 1915 | 10 | CENTAVOS within wreath; above, GRO.

JALISCO.

152. 1 centavo, 1915. Obv., REPUBLICA MEXICANA 1915. Radiate liberty cap. Rev., EJERCITO DEL NORTE ("Army of the North") EDO DE JAL ("State of Jalisco"), value in monogram.
 153. 2 centavos, 1915. Similar.
 154. 5 centavos, 1915. Similar.

MORELOS.

Issued by Zapata.

155. 20 centavos, without date. Obv., eagle, —AD— below. Rev., 20 All incuse.



No. 151.



No. 152.



No. 158.



No. 161.

156. 20 centavos. Obv., similar, without the letters. Rev., 20 C in monogram. Everything incuse.
 157. 25 centavos. Similar. All incuse.
 158. 50 centavos. Obv. similar. Rev., large 50 composed of double lines; above, C. All incuse.
 159. 10 centavos, 1914. Obv., REPUBLICA MEXICANA. Eagle, MOR. below. Rev., 10 C in monogram within wreath; above, 1914.

160. 10 centavos, 1915. Obv., E. L. ("Estado Libre—Free State") DE MORELOS. Eagle. Rev., monogram of value within wreath; above, 1915.
 161. 20 centavos, 1915. Similar.
 162. 10 centavos, 1916. Obv., REPUBLICA MEXICANA. Eagle. Rev., 1916 | 10 | CENTAVOS within wreath; above, MOR.
 163. 50 centavos, 1916. Obv., similar, MORELOS below the eagle. Rev., 50 | CENTAVOS within wreath; above, 1916.

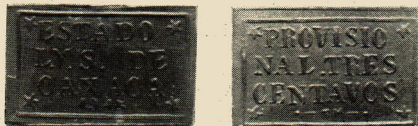
OAXACA.

Issued by the Provisional Government.

164. 1 centavo without date. Obv., ESTADO | L Y S. ("Free and Sovereign State"), DE | OAXACA. Rev., PROVISIO | NAL UN | CENTAVO. Rectangular.



No. 164.



No. 165.



No. 166.



No. 168.

165. 3 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar, date below. Rev., PROVISIO NAL TRES | CENTAVOS | T. M. (Teofilo Monroy, mint director). Rectangular.

With Bust of Benito Pablo Juares.

First Coinage, Small Rude Bust.

166. 1 centavo, 1915. Obv., ESTADO L. Y. S. DE OAXACA * 1915 * Bust to left. Rev., MONEDA PROVISIONAL, value in center, a wreath below.
 167. 5 centavos, 1915. Similar.
 168. 10 centavos, 1915. Similar.

These coins occur on thick and thin planchets.

Second Coinage, Large Bust.

169. 3 centavos, 1915. Similar, the date upon the bust, large 3 with flat top on reverse.
 170. 3 centavos, 1915. Similar, 3 with round top and TM above the wreath.



No. 169.



No. 170.



No. 171.



No. 174.



No. 175.

171. 5 centavos, 1915. Similar, the date beneath the bust and TM beneath the wreath.
 172. 10 centavos, 1915. Similar.
 173. 20 centavos, 1915. Similar.
 174. 20 centavos, 1915. Similar, TM omitted.
 175. 20 centavos, 1915. Similar but larger.

PUEBLA.

Brigada Francisco I. Madero.

176. 10 centavos, 1915. Obv., BRIGADA FRANCISCO I. MADERO. Eagle and date. Rev., TRANSITORIO. S. N. DE PUEBLA, XC in monogram.
177. 20 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar with S. N. D. P. in legend. Rev., 20 | CENTAVOS; above, TRANSITORIO.
178. 2 centavos, 1915. Obv., REPUBLICA MEXICANA 1915. Eagle. Rev., E. DE PU. (EBLA) TEL. I. O. DEL. C (a small x as stop) O. CAMPO; in center, 2 | CENTAVOS.



No. 176.



No. 177.

179. 5 centavos, 1915. Obv., similar. Rev., 5 C in monogram within wreath; above, 1915.
180. 25 centavos, 1915. Similar.
181. 50 centavos, 1915. Similar.

Note.—Most of the Revolutionary coins listed above are rare, some being heretofore unpublished, the latter being described from specimens in the collection of Mr. E. Z. Little, Spokane, Wash.

(The above installment completes the list of Mexican minor coins. Future installments will cover in a similar manner the minor coins of Central America, South America and some of the islands of the West Indies.)

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

YORKSHIRE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.

The "Transactions of the Yorkshire Numismatic Society," Hull, England, Vol. III, Part I, has been distributed. It contains the following articles. "Swedish Coins Found in Esthonia," by J. Digby Firth, F. L. S.; "Yorkshire Silver Tokens," by T. Sheppard, M. Sc., F. G. S.; "The Fauna Illustrated on Roman Coins," by Frank Heeley; "Northern Numismatic Notes," by the Editor; "Medals Designed by Mr. Percy Metcalfe"; "Countermarked Tokens."

In addition to these articles there is a report of the presentation of Society medals, the Hon. Secretary's reports for 1925 and 1926, a list of members of the Society and portraits of the ten gentlemen who have served as presidents of the Society since 1907, as well as a list of the present officers.

Descriptive List of Obsolete Paper Money.

By D. C. WISMER, Hatfield, Pa.

PART I—Embracing the Circulating Notes Issued by State Banks, Private Banks, Bankers and Corporations.

Abbreviations { R.—Right end illustration.
C.—Central illustration on note.
L.—Left end illustration.

(The publication of this list was begun June, 1922.)

MINNESOTA.

Minnesota was admitted into the Union and became one of the United States in 1858.

AUSTIN.

Bank of Austin.

1. \$3. C., a man on horseback talking to a farmer, a man kneeling and binding wheat. R., Indian female seated with her arms around a little child, 3 above. L., female portrait, 3 below.
2. \$5. C., female seated on a plow holding a sickle and sheaf. R. fiVve, 5 above and below. L., 5, FIVE above and below.

State Bank of Minnesota (First—Failed).

State Bank of Minnesota (Second). Removed to Minneapolis in 1862.

- 2a. \$1. Similar to No. 20, except location.
- 2b. \$2. Similar to No. 21, except location.
- 2c. \$5. Similar to No. 22, except location.

CANNON FALLS.

Goodhue County Bank.

3. \$1. C., a beaver breaking the branch of a tree. R., beehive, 1 above. L., Indian on horseback spearing a buffalo.
4. \$5. C., two Indians on horseback killing a bear. R., milkmaid seated holding a pail, 5 above. L., deer and river, 5 above.
5. \$10. C., a covered wagon drawn by four horses. R., Puritan family at prayer surprised by Indians, 10 above. L., Indian seated on a rock, X above.

CHATFIELD.

Bank of Chatfield.

FAIRBAULT.

Bank of Fairbault.

GARDEN CITY.

Farmers Bank (Failed).

6. \$1. C., spread eagle resting on a shield, female feeding chickens, basket on her arm. R., farmer carrying cornstalks, 1 above. L., flock of sheep, 1 above.
7. \$2. R., three boys trying to catch a horse, horse and colt, cherub and 2 above. L., man seated on a gate, farmer on a horse, colt, dog and sheep, 2 above, cherub at left.
8. \$3. C., female portrait. R., two horses and wagon, man loading wagon with bags, 3 above. L., man with a gun, dog at his side, THREE above.

9. \$5. C., four cows, one lying, and three sheep R., head of girl, 5 above. L., head of boy, 5 above.

GLENCOE.

Exchange Bank (Failed).

10. \$1. C., men, women and boys cheering at a train of cars, head of an Indian chief at right. R., sailor boy, 1 above. L., 1 above and below.



No. 11.

11. \$2. C., two Indians on horseback killing a bear. R., two dead deer, dog, etc., under a tree, 2 above. L., head of a girl, 2 above.
12. \$5. C., Indian on horseback, spearing a buffalo. R., female portrait, 5 above. L., 5 above and below.

HASTINGS.

Bank of Hastings.



No. 12 1/2.

- 12 1/2. \$1. C., steamboats, 1 each side. R., female seated with sheaf, ONE on 1 above. L., man leaning against fence with his hand on a dog's head, ONE on 1 above. ONE in green. Oct. 1, 1862.

Thorne and Follett's Bank.

HOKAH.

La Crosse and La Crescent Bank.

13. \$1. C., portrait of a girl. R., chickens, 1 above, cherub at left. L., milkmaid seated, pail at her side, cows, etc., 1 above, cherub at right. 1 1 in red. 1859.

LA CROSSE.**La Crosse and La Crescent Bank.****LITTLE FALLS.****Morrison County Bank.****Northern Bank.**

14. \$2. C., girl seated feeding a calf, a basket and a calf lying at her side, cows, canal boat and cars. R., farmer sharpening his scythe, 2 above. L., portrait of girl holding a dove, 2 above.
15. \$5. C., half-length of mechanic and farmer, a horse and factories. R., head of girl, 5 above. L., beehive, flowers, etc., 5 above.

MANKATO.**Blue Earth County Bank.****Merchants Bank.**

16. \$1. Have no description.
17. \$2. Have no description.
18. \$5. Have no description.
19. \$10. Have no description.

MINNEAPOLIS.**Beede and Mendenhall's Bank.****D. C. Groh's Bank (Liquidated in 1861).****Minneapolis Bank.**

No. 19½.

- 19½. \$5. C., girl's head, 5 each side. R., man plowing and an Indian on horseback, FIVE above. L., locomotive, V above. FIVE outlined in green. Green back. March 1, 1861.

Minnesota Central Railroad Company.**Rufus J. Baldwin's Bank.****Sidle, Wolford and Company's Bank.****State Bank of Minnesota (Moved from Austin in 1862).**

20. \$1. C., man with two horses, train of cars, etc. R., men with wheelbarrow, picks and shovels grading, 1 above. L., female standing beside pedestal, 1 above.
21. \$2. C., two horses at trough, two men, load of grain, and mill driven by waterwheel. R., deer and river, 2 above. L., female seated holding sheaf and sickle, TWO above.

- 21 1/2. \$5. C., milkmaid seated with pail at her side, cows and farm building. R., portrait of a girl, 5 above. L., portrait of Henry Clay, 5 above. Serial letters A and B. These and two above dated Sept. 1, 1862.

NEW ULM.

Bank of Southern Minnesota.

Central Bank.

22. \$1. C., Santa Claus driving over the housetops with eight reindeer. R., large 1, ONE above. L., male portrait, 1 above.
 23. \$2. C., river steamboat, steamboat and city. R., female seated with book and pen, 2 above. L., Indian girl seated with bow and arrow, 2 above.
 24. \$5. C., V. R., FIVE, boy seated with a basket and a flock of sheep around him above, sailor standing with his hand on a capstan below. L., female seated holding an oval containing a mechanic's arm and hammer, 5 below.
 25. \$10. C., female and Indian girl seated, Indian in a canoe and cars. R., female seated holding a horn of plenty, 10 above. L., female seated holding a horn of plenty, X above.

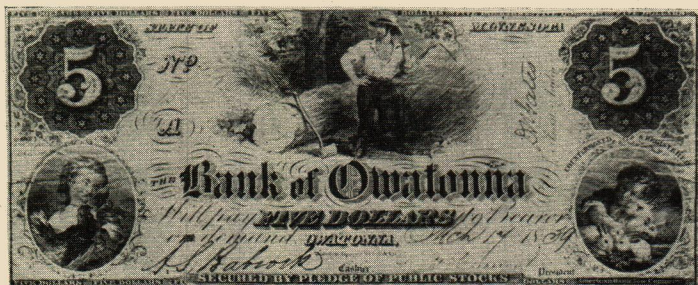
NORTHFIELD.

Bank of Northfield.

26. \$1. R., ONE above. L., ONE on 1 on a shield, farmer seated on left, holding a sickle on right, female seated and leaning on a box at left, 1 above.
 27. \$2. C., an Indian, a squaw and pappoose in a canoe, hills, etc. R., female seated holding a figure 2, 2 above. L., head of girl, 2 above. On lower center a locomotive and car.
 28. \$3. C., female portrait, Indian seated below. R., farmer sharpening scythe, steamboat, 3 above. L., female seated holding an oval containing a mechanic's arm and hammer, locomotive, steamship and vessels, 3 below.
 29. \$5. C., half-length of a woman and a man holding a child on his back. R., portrait of a man, 5 above. L., three surveyors, one reclining, 5 above.

OWATONNA.

Bank of Owatonna (Failed).



No. 30.

30. \$5. C., Pioneer leaning against a rock with axe at his side resting against a felled tree, rough country behind, FIVE DOLLARS below. R., girl cuddling rabbits, 5 above. L., girl in oval with hen and chickens on shoulder and arm, 5 above.

31. \$10. C., TEN DOLLARS, X each side. R., portrait of a boy, 10 above. L., female seated holding a sickle, two others standing, one holding a pair of scales.

RED WING.

Bank of Red Wing.

32. \$1. C., scene at a mill door, horse and colt, a man with a bag on his shoulder, two boys on a bridge. R., steamboat at a wharf, 1 above. L., Indian seated on a cliff with a gun at his side, 1 below.
33. \$2. C., girl feeding a calf, a calf lying by her side, canal boat and cars, an Indian chief on horseback at left. R., 2 above and below. L., TWO, 2 above.
34. \$3. C., farmer seated on right of an American shield, an Indian on the left. R., three cherubs in a figure 3, 3 above. L., man feeding horse with hay, dog, etc., 3 above.
35. \$5. C., Western steamboat and city. R., boy carrying a bundle of cornstalks, 5 above. L., an Indian in the act of throwing a tomahawk, 5 above.

Smith and Dickinson's Bank (Opened in 1861).

Smith, Meigs and Company's Bank (Liquidated in 1861).

ROCHESTER.

Bank of Rochester (Failed).

36. \$5. C., five females grouped around a figure 5. R., an eagle flying in the clouds, 5 above. L., male portrait, 5 above.
37. \$10. C., large oval male portrait. R., TEN on large X, a milkmaid seated on the left, a cow lying on the right, 10 above. L., an Indian fishing, 10 above.

RUSHFORD.

Southern Minnesota Railroad.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Roman Occupation of Britain.

By JOHN G. WATSON.

(Read before a meeting of the Detroit Coin Club, May 5, 1927.)

At the time of the first invasion of Britain by Julius Caesar, in B. C. 55, we must imagine that country occupied by a semi-barbarous people, whose time was taken up by hunting and tilling the soil. True, for two or three centuries before this, Phœnicians had visited the island and traded with the natives for tin from the famous Cornwall mines.

The Romans, who, in their conquests of Gaul, had often been harassed by the Britons who had gone over to help the Gauls, now decided to put a stop to this, so in B. C. 55 Julius Caesar passed over from Gaul and invaded the island with two legions of Roman soldiers.

The intention seems to have been more with a view of obtaining from personal observation some knowledge of the country rather than with the intention of permanent conquest, as they returned to Gaul after remaining but a short time. However, during the following year Caesar invaded the island a second time and defeated the Britons in a series of engagements and was so enabled to cross the river Thames. The Britons submitted and promised to pay an annual tribute; but their subjugation was only nominal. Fearing the rigors of the British winter, Caesar then withdrew with his legions to Gaul.

From this time to the reign of the Emperor Claudius the Britons were

left to themselves. This emperor visited the island in person in 43 A. D., having previously sent over a considerable army, composed of four legions, together with a proper proportion of auxiliary troops. One of these legions continued in the island until it was finally abandoned by the Romans. The Fourteenth legion was recalled by Nero, but was sent back again by Vitellius, and finally withdrawn in the reign of Vespasian.

During the reigns of Nerva and Trajan we hear little of Britain. Hadrian became emperor in the year 117 A. D., and two years after this, in consequence of the turbulent state of the island, he visited it in person. It is due to this emperor that in England to this day, and especially in the north, there are so many evidences of the Roman Occupation. Owing to the frequent incursions of the Picts and Scots, he decided to erect a barrier or great wall reaching across the isle to present these. The wall commenced near the mouth of the river Tyne and stretched over to Bowness, on the Solway Firth, a distance of some 73 miles. The emperor himself did not remain long enough in the country to see the completion of this work, but left behind him Aulus Platorius Nepos, his legate and *praetor*, under whose supervision the work was carried forward.

Incidentally, I have made several excursions to various parts of this wall and to some of the stations erected thereon, which, in many cases, are in a remarkable state of preservation. The wall passed through what is now the city of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and even to the present day, while excavations are being made for building purposes, remains in the form of engraved stones, altars, coins and pottery are found. I have here a few coins of this emperor, who, by the way, was noted for having visited more parts of his empire than any other Roman ruler. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are specimens of his coins. To Hadrian we owe the coin which is supposed to be the forerunner of the reverse on the present-day bronze coinage of England. Unfortunately, I do not possess a specimen of the coin, but I have here a drawing of it, along with coins of George V, which will show at a glance the resemblance. The type was first adopted by Charles II, I believe, and from that time on it has remained, with slight variations, as the reverse of the bronze coins.

Antoninus Pius, as we know, succeeded Hadrian in 138 A. D., and during his reign a further barrier between the Firth of Forth and the Firth of Clyde was reared. Nos. 6, 7 and 8 are coins of Antoninus.

Then followed Marcus Aurelius, during whose time Britain was in a turbulent state. Nos. 9 and 10 are two coins of this emperor.

Other legates, Perennis, Pertinax, Albinus and Junius Severus, came in succession to Britain during the reign of Commodus, but their efforts were not successful in establishing permanent peace or even in preventing occasional seditions in the army itself. No. 11 is a coin of Commodus. He was strangled in 192 A. D., and was succeeded by Septimus Severus. When this emperor found himself firmly established on the throne he turned his attention to Britain. Owing to his representatives not being able to bring about peace or compel the submission of the natives, he went over in person in the year 208 A. D., taking with him his sons, Caracalla and Geta. He spent much time in making preparations, gathering troops from all quarters, improving the roads and repairing the wall, which had been damaged by previous incursions. In 209 A. D., all being ready, he advanced against the Caledonians. He spent three years in this enterprise and lost 50,000 men. No. 12 is rather a rare coin of Septimius celebrating his victories in Britain.

Caracalla, Geta, Elagabalus and Severus Alexander all had something to do and say in the government of the island, as many stones have been found on the line of the wall recording their names.

No. 13 is a coin of Caracalla.

During the reign of Gallienus, 259 A. D., a large number of usurpers arose which are commonly known as the thirty tyrants. Some of these, including Victorinus, Postumus, the two Tetrici, Laelianus and Marius, are supposed to have been acknowledged in Britain, as their coins are found there in greater abundance than on the continent. Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 are coins of Gallienus, Postumus and Victorinus. It is to be noted that during the reign of Gallienus the practice of putting the mint marks on coins commenced.

In 287 A. D. Carausius, who had charge of a fleet to repress piracy in the English Channel, revolted, and assumed the sovereignty of Britain, which

is retained for four years. No. 19 is a coin of Carausius bearing the London mint mark, and is scarce.

Roman mints were not established in Britain until the time of this emperor, who, of course, ruled in Britain only. Two mints were founded, one at London and the other at Colchester.

In 293 A. D. he was treacherously slain by Allectus, who then assumed the government of the island. No. 20 is rather a rare coin of this ruler struck in London.

Between the time of Allectus and that of Constantine the Great no money was coined in Britain, and then only the London mint was used.

Then, in 296 A. D., Constantius Chlorus repaired to Britain, slew Allectus, and restored the country to its allegiance to Rome. He eventually died at York, and his son Constantine, afterwards named the Great, succeeded to the throne.

No. 21 is a coin of Chlorus, and Nos. 22, 23, 24 and 25 are coins of Constantine the Great struck at the London mint.

When Valentinian succeeded, in 375 A. D., Britain was in a deplorable state. Picts, Scots and Saxons made it the object of incessant attacks. It was about this period that the following incident, which is recorded in the London humorous paper, *Punch*, occurred:

"A batch of prisoners, Picts and Scots, had just been brought in when an officer came along and said to the orderly who had charge of them: "Picts and Scots, a rum lot eh? How do you know which is which?"

"It is difficult, sir," said the orderly, "but our system is to throw a few denarii among them—the Picts never get any."

In 383 A. D. Magnus Maximus, who had been sent to Britain to repel the incursions of these marauders, was proclaimed emperor by the soldiers, and in order to support his claim he passed over to the continent with his forces, draining the island of its youth.

The year 407 A. D. was a season of continued tumult in Britain. The soldiers successively invested Marcus, Gratianus and Constantine III with the purple. Nos. 26 and 27 are coins of Gratianus.

It will be remembered that only a few years earlier than this the empire had been divided into East and West, and the Romans were now evidently losing their grip on Britain. In 410 A. D. Honorius, harassed by the Goths and other enemies, wrote to the Britains informing them he was no longer able to help them, and they must look to themselves for safety. Nos. 28 and 29 are coins of Honorius.

The Saxon Chronicle, a rare collection of historical records, says that "in 418 A. D. the Romans collected all the treasures that were in Britain; some they hid in the earth, so that no one since has been able to find them, and some they carried with them into Gaul."

In 446 A. D., during the reign of Valentinian III, Britain was finally abandoned by the Romans, after they had drained the country of many of its resources. And so ended the Roman occupation of Britain.

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Nor labor, which has also held its own.

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Editorial Comment—Numismatic News.

HOW ABOUT ATTENDING THE HARTFORD CONVENTION.

For the third time in its history, the American Numismatic Association will hold its annual convention in New England. This year it will be held in Hartford, Conn. In 1914 Springfield, Mass., entertained the convention and in 1921 we were the guests of Boston, Mass. The program for the Hartford convention has been completed and is printed elsewhere in this issue. All that seems necessary to make the convention a most successful one is a large attendance. While we do not have a large membership in Connecticut, we do have many members within a few hours' ride of Hartford, and an appeal is made to them particularly to be present.

We unintentionally did an injustice to Hartford last month when we stated that its population was approximately 150,000. We did not have any

recent figures on which to base our estimate, but our attention has been called to the fact that the publishers of the Hartford Directory estimate the present population at 173,111. Nearly all our former conventions have been held in the large cities, and meeting in a smaller city this year will prove advantageous, for it is much easier to interest the public in an exhibit of coins in a city the size of Hartford than it is in the large cities, where such an exhibit frequently receives scant attention except from those directly interested.

The facilities provided for our exhibit and business sessions at the Connecticut State Library Building have never been excelled at a convention. The headquarters, Hotel Bond, has a splendid reputation throughout New England, and an attractive program of entertainment has been arranged for your enjoyment. Besides, for five days you will live in a numismatic atmosphere.

You will be amply repaid if you attend the Hartford Convention of the A. N. A., August 20 to 25.

SUGGESTS A LINDBERGH COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR.

Why not use a little space in *THE NUMISMATIST* in trying to arouse interest in a new Lindbergh commemorative half dollar? No other event could or should be commemorated that would be remembered longer than this great transatlantic flight. It would be a lasting memorial to a great historical event. There should be a portrait of the flyer on the obverse, and a representation of his plane, Spirit of St. Louis, crossing the Atlantic on the reverse. Let's have a Lindbergh half dollar.

JOE. E. HALLAR.

Wausau, Wis., June 12.

If it had been possible to have a Lindbergh half dollar, such as Mr. Hallar suggests, on sale all over the country between June 10 and 15, we venture to say that the supply, however great, would have been totally inadequate to the demand. But commemorative half dollars cannot be issued on the spur of the moment. The first essential is an organization of substantial men behind such a project, and the next move is an act of Congress authorizing such an issue. As Congress will not meet until next December (unless called together in extra session before that time), such a coin seems out of the question just now.

MR. KELLEY HAS A GRIEVANCE.

Some one has said that uncirculated coins are "coins struck for circulation, but not worn in any way, without scratches, nicks, bruises, finger marks, spots or corrosion." Recently I secured at auction, from reliable dealers, coins advertised as "uncirculated"—and I bid on them as such—and not one out of the lot actually measures up to an uncirculated coin. All have marks and several have nicks. Should one be expected to pay as per his bid when such conditions exist?

EDWARD R. KELLEY.

Coronado, Cal., June 14, 1927.

THE FIRST ST. GAUDENS \$20 GOLD PIECE.

Some readers of *THE NUMISMATIST* may remember that when the St. Gaudens gold pieces were being discussed the late Dr. William Sturgis Bigelow, of Boston, suggested to President Roosevelt that they be made slightly concave in order that they might stack better. The suggestion was adopted and the President sent the first \$20 piece coined to his friend, Dr. Bigelow, in memory of his having made the suggestion. This identical coin has now come into the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

M. S.

In Honor of Lindbergh's Flight.

Of the numerous medals that will probably be issued commemorating in some form the New York-to-Paris flight of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, May 20-21, 1927, the one issued by his St. Louis financial backers will easily rank among the most meritorious.

This medal is illustrated here, from photographs of the sculptor's model. It is $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter and was designed by Sculptor Julio Kilenyi, of New York City. We are indebted to Mr. Leslie P. Huey, manager of the St. Louis office of the Whitehead & Hoag Company, by whom the medals were struck, for the photographs.

On the obverse in the foreground is a standing figure of Liberty in a joyful attitude, her head gracefully thrown back as she gazes at the airplane, the Spirit of St. Louis, overhead. In her outstretched right hand she holds a fleur-de-lis, and in her left hand a United States shield. At the sides, in the background, are, on the left, the Statue of Liberty, and on the right, the Eiffel Tower.

On the reverse is shown the Earth, the lower half submerged in clouds, with a dotted line showing the route taken by Colonel Lindbergh. Above soars the airplane. Below, the following inscription in five lines: "COMMEMORATING THE FIRST NEW YORK-PARIS FLIGHT BY CAPT. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH 'SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS' NEW YORK MAY 20th PARIS MAY 21st 1927."

Two thousand medals in bronze have been ordered struck and specimens will be sent to museums in the United States, France, England, Belgium and other leading museums throughout the world.

Three medals will be struck in 14-k. gold. One will be presented to Colonel Lindbergh, one to his mother and one to President Coolidge. Twenty-five will be struck in silver for presentation to Ambassador Herrick, the Kings of England and Belgium, the President of France, the Mayor of Paris and other prominent public officials.

Mr. Kilenyi, the designer of the medal, is well known as a sculptor of unusual ability. He went to St. Louis to complete the details of his models and spent several days at his hotel perfecting them before turning them over to the Whitehead & Hoag Company. He has executed medallion portraits of President Coolidge, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Thomas A. Edison, Elbert H. Gary, Lord Northcliffe and other notables. He also executed the Distinguished Service Medal for the United States Navy and made the General Pershing Medal presented to him at the national demonstration in New York City. He designed the medal commemorating the flight of Commander Byrd over the North Pole, also the one commemorating the flight of the Navy NC-4 across the ocean in May, 1919.

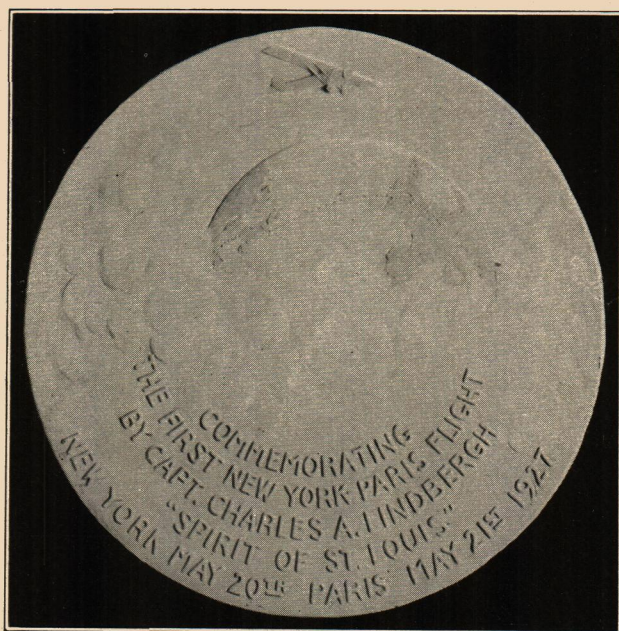
FRENCH GOVERNMENT MEDAL FOR LINDBERGH DESIGNED.

The "Lindbergh Medal" to be struck by the French Government mint will be finished shortly, based on a design by Georges Prudhomme, the noted artist. On the obverse will be Captain Lindbergh's profile, while the reverse will bear the Latin inscription, "Alarum Remigio Vincta Primum Oceani Littora" (freely translated, "Conquered by flight, as fly the birds, for the first time are the boundaries of the ocean.") The inscription was drafted by a commission of the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres.

LINDBERGH TO RECEIVE THE HUBBARD MEDAL.

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society, who has recently returned from France, has announced that Colonel Lindbergh would be awarded the highest honor conferred upon American explorers—the Hubbard Medal. This medal has only been bestowed seven times in the history of the National Geographic Society. The most recent recipient was Commander Richard Evelyn Byrd, who received it at the hands of President Coolidge before members of the society on June 23, 1926, "for his epochal achievement in first reaching the North Pole by airplane."

The only other recipients of the Hubbard medal have been Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary, 1906; Roald Amundsen, 1907; Capt. Robert A. Bartlett,



MEDAL OF LINDBERGH'S FLIGHT.

Issued by his St. Louis Financial Backers. Photographs from Sculptor Julio Kilenyi's Models. Medals struck by the Whitehead & Hoag Company.

1909; Grove Carl Gilbert, 1909; Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, 1910, and Vilhjalmur Stefansson, 1919. Owing to the fact that the medal could not be ready in time for Lindbergh's visit to Washington upon his return to the United States, it will not be presented to him until a later date. Arrangements for the presentation have not yet been made.

The Hubbard Medal makes no pretense of being an artistic production. The obverse bears a representation of the Western Hemisphere, with the inscription, "National Geographic Society. Incorporated A. D. 1888." The reverse is always engraved, and in this instance it bears the following inscription: "The Hubbard Medal. Awarded by the National Geographic Society to Charles A. Lindbergh for His Heroic Service to the Science of Aviation by His Solitary Flight From New York to Paris, May 20-21, 1927."

A LINDBERGH MEDAL FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

To supply a demand by the public for a worth-while memento of Colonel Lindbergh's flight, the Medallic Art Company, New York City, immediately following his New York reception, issued a bronze medal two inches in diameter, which is illustrated here. The medal is uniface.

It was reproduced by the company from the original models by Mr. Charles Louis Hinton, sculptor. It bears a large bust of Colonel Lindbergh. At the right of his head is shown his airship, Spirit of St. Louis. Inscription above the head, * THE AMERICAN * * EAGLE * Inscription below, divided by his bust, CHARLES LINDBERGH. NEW YORK TO PARIS 33 ½ HRS. MAY 20-21, 1927.



LINDBERGH MEDAL FOR THE PUBLIC.

Designed by Charles Louis Hinton. Issued by the Medallic Art Company.

This is probably the first time a meritorious medal has been successfully sold by department and jewelry stores along the usual "over-the-counter" methods. It shows the great interest of the public in the transatlantic flight and a desire on its part to have a substantial memento of the flyer and his remarkable receptions both at home and abroad.

LINDBERGH AWARDED THE LANGLEY MEDAL.

The Smithsonian Institution has awarded Colonel Lindbergh the Langley Medal, which in the nineteen years since its establishment has been given only to four others—Orville and Wilbur Wright, Glenn H. Curtis and Gustav Eiffel, a Frenchman. Colonel Lindbergh's citation read: "For his magnificent non-stop flight from New York to Paris."

The Langley Medal is an artistic production. The obverse has a female figure in loose draperies seated upon a globe holding a lighted torch in her left hand and a pen and scroll in her right hand, separating "Per Orbem."

The reverse has in the center on a plain field, "Langley Medal. Aeronautics." At the sides are two lighted torches. Inscription above and below, "For the Increase and Diffusion of Knowledge Among Men. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, 1846."

THE UNITED STATES DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

Of the numerous decorations presented to Colonel Lindbergh none will, perhaps, be more highly prized than the new Distinguished Flying Cross which President Coolidge pinned on his breast at his Washington reception on June 11. He was the first to receive this new decoration.

The designers are Miss Elizabeth Will and A. E. Dubois, employes in the office of the Quartermaster-General at Washington. The design was approved by the Fine Arts Commission on May 28, with suggestions for slight changes in a few minor details. A rush order was placed with Bailey, Banks & Biddle, Philadelphia, for the first one in order to have it ready for Colonel Lindbergh on his arrival in Washington.

The decoration is of bronze suspended from a silk ribbon. The colors of the ribbon are blue and white, with a narrow red stripe in the center. The cross consists of a 1½-inch cross patee, on which is superimposed a four-bladed airplane propeller projecting slightly beyond the ends of the cross. In the angles of the cross are sun rays, forming a square, typifying the glory and splendor of the deed for which the cross is awarded.

Citations for the cross were presented to the army Pan-American flyers when they returned last spring from their swing around South America. The crosses will be presented to them later.

LINDBERGH'S OTHER MEDALS AND DECORATIONS.

Other medals and decorations awarded Colonel Lindbergh for his flight include the following:

- French Cross of the Legion of Honor.
- Medal and Pin of American Lafayette Escadrille.
- Belgian Order of Leopold.
- British Royal Air Force Cross.
- Gold Medal of the Aero Club of France.
- Swedish Aero Club Gold Plaque.
- New York State Medal of Valor.

A NEW WORK ON MASONIC CHAPTER PENNIES.

Several months ago it was announced that Edward A. King, of Pittsburgh, Pa., had in preparation a work on Masonic Chapter Pennies, describing all known issues, which he contemplated publishing in the near future. Some details of his collection and of the forthcoming work are given in a recent letter to General Secretary Wilson, as follows:

"About thirty years ago I began collecting Mark Pennies in a small way. The late Dr. B. P. Wright, W. R. Poillon, Benno Loewy and D. R. Gibson, of Hamilton, Ont., had already formed collections of their own. For the next twenty-five years I made little progress until after I came to Pittsburgh. There my friends encouraged me to build up a complete collection, which at this time numbers about 18,000 pennies.

"Most of these will go to the House of the Temple, Supreme Council 33°, at Washington, D. C., to which body they have been presented; and the second group will go to the Supreme Council 33° of the Northern Jurisdiction, at Boston. In Washington they will form a permanent exhibit, open to the public—both Masons and non-Masons—and visitors are admitted free to this beautiful edifice on almost every day in the year.

"The Mark Penny as used by the Royal Arch Masons has an origin so ancient that we do not pretend to say when it was first used, but the records of the 'tessera hospitalis' are found long before the Christian era. In recent years, since Dr. Wright began encouraging the idea, the various Masonic Chapters have departed from the ordinary penny, which usually bears the name, number and location of the Chapter on the obverse and the keystone,

etc., on the reverse. We now find them bearing beautiful busts of men prominent not only in Masonry but in the history of our country. Local views and incidents, each of individual interest, are found on others, and I have personally found more than one thousand pennies, no two of which are alike. In my book on Masonic Chapter Pennies I have prepared twenty-two plates that will illustrate over five hundred varieties. These pennies are made of almost every kind of metal, of which copper and brass are the most common. But there are also pennies in solid gold and silver, aluminum, bronze and even iron, tin and lead. The last named were probably never intended for circulation. In past years many sets were made in copper, silver, aluminum and brass, but this has been largely discontinued.

"At this time, with the exception of less than one hundred, I have the pennies of every Chapter using them in the United States, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, China, South America, Hawaii, Canal Zone and all other places where Chapters exist under American Jurisdiction. I am convinced that when the collection is placed in Washington it will be a revelation to numismatists, especially in reference to the tremendous number of die varieties which exist.

"It will also serve to stimulate interest among the Chapters and cause them to get away from pennies of poor craftsmanship and design. For in the collection they will find many exquisite specimens, marking a high type of design and die work, and in many cases preserving historical facts and expressing a loving sentiment for brothers who carved their own niche in the hall of fame.

"To preserve for all time these little tokens of brotherly affection and place them where they may be constantly visited by those interested is the entire intent and purpose of this collection. The present completeness thereof is due solely to the splendid assistance and co-operation given me by Grand Officers of the various Grand Chapters in this country, and many other eminent brothers all over the world.

"To my fellow members of the A. N. A. a very cordial invitation is extended to view these pennies after they are placed on exhibit, which will be the latter part of this present year."

SIZE OF PAPER MONEY TO BE REDUCED.

After many months—even years—of consideration, announcement is made that United States paper money of all classes will be reduced approximately one-third in size. The present size is $3\frac{1}{8}$ by $7\frac{3}{8}$ inches. The new size will be $2\frac{3}{8}$ by 6 inches—the same size as the paper money of the Philippine Islands.

The Bureau of Printing and Engraving will begin turning out the new money in \$1 denominations first. The Treasury, in its announcement, said:

"In considering the program for the introduction of currency in the reduced size, it has been decided that the initial production shall be confined to bills of the \$1 denomination and to accumulate a sufficient stock of the new bills so that upon some future given date, later to be announced, all of the \$1 bills of the larger size, then in circulation, can be redeemed upon demand. For this reason, the public should understand that no requests for specimens of the new currency can be considered until the smaller \$1 bills make their initial appearance simultaneously in all parts of the country.

"As soon as the work upon the preparation of designs and plates for the manufacture of the \$1 notes is under way, work will be undertaken to produce the larger denominations in the new size. As the period required to complete the program for the \$1 currency will require possibly twelve months, no estimate regarding the time required to produce the larger denominations can at the present time be made."

"In connection with the change in size it will be necessary to make some changes in the design of the notes," said Secretary Mellon. "These changes will not, however, be material, the new notes retaining virtually all the major characteristics of the present currency. Portraits now appearing on notes will be reallocated in some instances, in order to avoid repetition, the plan being to restrict the use of a particular portrait to a given denomination of currency, so that the presence of Washington's portrait, for example, will

immediately identify the note as being of a given denomination, irrespective of class.

"From the standpoint of convenience to the public, the Treasury believes that the change in the size of the currency should be made. From the standpoint of the Government, the change is justified because the proposed reduction in size will create substantial savings in the expense of manufacturing, as well as in the cost of handling the currency.

"From the time the paper is delivered by the mill until the notes are paid into circulation, an estimated gross saving amounting to almost 33 per cent. will be derived from the change in size. Each note will require one-third less paper and ink, its shipping weight will be reduced by one-third, and 50 per cent. more notes will be produced by the same operation. An additional saving, the amount of which cannot be definitely estimated, will undoubtedly be accomplished as a result of increased life of the smaller size notes, due to the fact, as above stated, that they will be less frequently creased and folded."

PRICES AT MEHL'S SALE OF APRIL 12.

Following are the prices realized on some of the lots at the sale of the Excell, Trowbridge and McQuesten collections by B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas, on April 12, 1927:

1.	Half Cent, 1793, C. 1. Fine	\$12.75
7.	Half Cent, 1795, lettered edge, G. 1. Unc.	27.25
13.	Half Cent, 1797, G. 1. V. G.	21.00
24.	Half Cent, 1802 over 1800. Fine	15.75
35.	Half Cent, 1805. Unc.	10.50
83.	Cent, 1793, Chain, AMERICA, C. 1-C. Fine	35.00
84.	Cent, 1793, Wreath, C. 7-F. Ex. Fine	33.25
87.	Cent, 1793, Liberty cap, C. 12-L. Good	23.50
97.	Cent, 1795, plain edge. Unc.	21.00
104.	Cent, 1797, D. 6. Unc.	47.50
110.	Cent, 1799 over '98. V. G.	72.50
111.	Cent, 1799, perfect date. V. G. to fine	57.50
148.	Cent, 1812, small date. Unc.	15.75
400.	\$5, 1795. V. G.	37.25
422.	\$4, 1879. Br. proof	110.00
426.	\$3, 1854, D mint. Fine	30.00
436.	\$3, 1867. Ex. fine	18.50
457.	\$2.50, 1829. Fine	25.00
458.	\$2.50, 1831. Fine	23.25
461.	\$2.50, 1852, D mint. Fine	27.25
465.	\$2.50, 1859, D mint. Ex. fine	18.25
490.	Gold \$1, 1868. V. fine	10.00
527.	\$20, 1852, Humbert. V. G.	138.00
533.	\$10, 1852, Moffat & Co. Nearly fine	90.00
537.	\$5, 1852, W. M. & Co. Fine	37.50
553.	\$5, 1860, Mormon, lion and beehive. V. fine	85.00
557.	\$2.50, Bechtler. Unc.	50.00
559.	\$5, C. Bechtler. Fine	85.00
568.	Egypt, gold octodrachm of Arsinoe. Unc.	140.00
572.	Russia, 3 rubles, 1828, platinum. Br. proof	52.50
587.	England, Mary, 1553-1554, sovereign. Fine	50.00
597.	England, Charles I, 1643, 3-pound piece. Ex. fine	100.00
718.	\$1, 1838, stars on obverse, no stars on reverse. Br. proof ..	233.00
738.	\$1, 1858. Br. proof	40.00
762.	Leshner dollar, 1900. About unc.	31.00
903.	Quarter, 1853, rays and arrows. Br. proof	26.50
913.	Dime, 1802. Fine	12.60
999.	Penny, Liberty and Security. Light olive proof	15.75
1120.	Cent, 1793. Liberty cap. Fine	26.75
1171.	Dollar. 1858. Proof	30.50
1201.	Half dollar, 1797. Fine	47.50
1589.	Half dollar, 1794. V. G.	10.00



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American Numismatic Association.

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

New Member to be Admitted July 1, 1927.

3181 George A. Youngdahl, 1526 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.

Applications for Membership.

The following applicaitons have been received prior to June 15, 1927. If no objections are received prior to August 1, 1927, the applicants will become members on that date and their names will be published in the August issue of THE NUMISMATIST.

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It is with regret I announce the death of Mr. Charles B. Turrill, President of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. He passed away May 11, 1927.

One of our former members, Mr. Daniel F. Myers, 1228 Tinton Avenue, New York, N. Y., died some months ago. I just recently received this information, and publish it now for the benefit of inquiring friends.

Changes of Address.

Theo. T. Kamidaki, from R. F. D. 1, Box 131-B, Puente, Cal., to R. F. D. 1, Box 173-B, El Monte, Cal.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, Harvey L. Hansen, Secretary, from 57 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, Cal., to 123 Greenbank Avenue, Piedmont, Cal.

Thomas W. Voetter, from Care of American Consulate, Curacao, West Indies, to R. F. D. 6, Fort Wayne, Ind.

The change of address last month of Davis S. English was given as 1425 Dorothy Drive, Glendale, Ill. This should have read Glendale, Cal.

HARRY T. WILSON, General Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations are reported by the Committee on Nominations:
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 ALDEN SCOTT BOYER,
 ALBERT H. GRINNELL,
 Committee.

NEW A. N. A. MEMBERSHIP LIST IN PREPARATION.

During the coming late summer or early fall a new list of A. N. A. members will be published in booklet form. The last list was published two years ago. A copy of the new list will be sent free to each member in good standing. In an advertisement in this issue space in the new booklet is offered to dealers and local numismatic societies.

Mr. Wormser, who is arranging the publication of the new list, states that it will be much more valuable as an advertising medium than the former list, as it will go to a larger number of collectors, and some additional features will be incorporated, including interleaving, for making additional entries and memoranda.

Obituary.

E. B. PARKE.

E. B. Parke, 447 Ellison street, Paterson, N. J., died at his home on February 18 after a long illness, aged 60. He has been a member of the A. N. A. for several years. He was interested chiefly in war medals, although he had a coin collection as well. He is survived by his widow.

NEW LOCAL COIN CLUB IN BUFFALO, N. Y.

A new organization of coin collectors, known as the Buffalo Numismatic Association, was organized in that city on May 13. It starts off with seven charter members and has at its president Mr. Edward A. Gilroy, an attorney and counsellor-at-law of that city. Mr. Fred H. Becker is secretary. The new organization was launched with the assistance of Messrs. Bauer and Lange, of the Rochester Numismatic Association.

A NEW COIN SHOP.

"The Hobby Shop" is the name of a new concern dealing in coins at 47 Reynolds Arcade, Rochester, N. Y., with Paul M. Lange, Librarian-Curator of the A. N. A., in charge. In our advertising columns announcement is made that the first auction sale of coins of the new firm will be held on September 24 next.

DEALER GUTTAG SAILS FOR EUROPE.

Julius Gutttag, accompanied by Mrs. Gutttag, sailed for Europe on June 4. The trip will be partly for business and partly for pleasure. They expect to return about August 15.



HOTEL BOND—CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS.

Single rooms without bath	\$2.50 and \$3.00
Single rooms with bath	\$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00
Double rooms without bath	\$4.00 and \$5.00
Double rooms with bath	\$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00

The Hartford Convention of the A. N. A.

AUGUST 20 TO 25, 1927.

So far as it is possible to do thus far in advance, arrangements have been completed for the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association to be held in Hartford, Conn., August 20 to 25. The program of entertainment features has been completed and does not differ materially from the outline given last month. It follows:

Saturday, August 20.

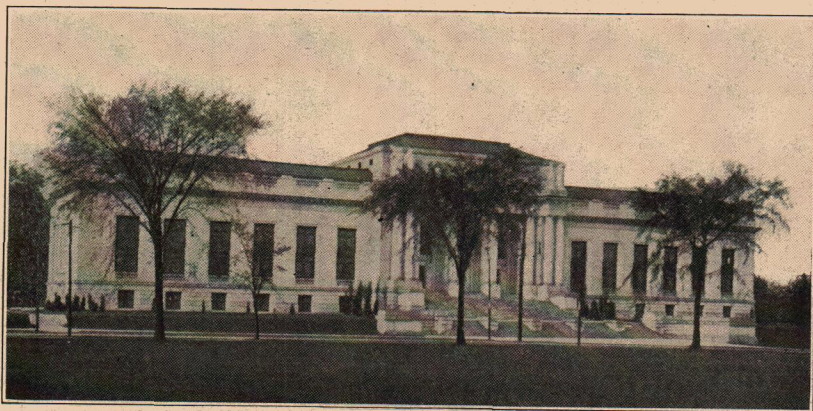
Morning and Afternoon—Registration with the General Secretary and arranging of exhibits.

Evening—Smoker at Hotel Bond. Theater party for the ladies.

Sunday, August 21.

Morning—Attendance at city churches.

Afternoon—Automobile excursion to Newgate Prison and Copper Mines.



Connecticut State Library and Supreme Court Building.

Monday, August 22.

10.00 A. M.—Business session.

12.30 P. M.—Official photograph in front of State Library.

Afternoon—Sightseeing trip around the city; visit to Park System, Athenaeum, Morgan Memorial, Travelers Insurance Company Tower and Connecticut River Bridge.

Evening—Dealers' night at Hotel meeting room.

Tuesday, August 23.

10.00 A. M.—Business session.

Afternoon—Industrial trip. Visits to all or some of the following establishments: Fuller Brush Company, Pratt & Whitney, Underwood or Royal Typewriter Company, Colt's Fire Arms.

Evening—Theater parties to stock company, vaudeville or movies, as visitors prefer.

Wednesday, August 24.

10.00 A. M.—Business session.

Afternoon—Go as you please.

Evening—Banquet at Hotel Bond.

Thursday, August 25.

10.00 A. M.—Last business session.

As previously announced, headquarters will be at the Hotel Bond and the business sessions and exhibit will be held in the State Library Building.

Most of the visitors will arrive on Saturday. The first thing you should do after being made comfortable at the hotel is to hunt up Harry Wilson, the General Secretary, and register with him. For the usual consideration



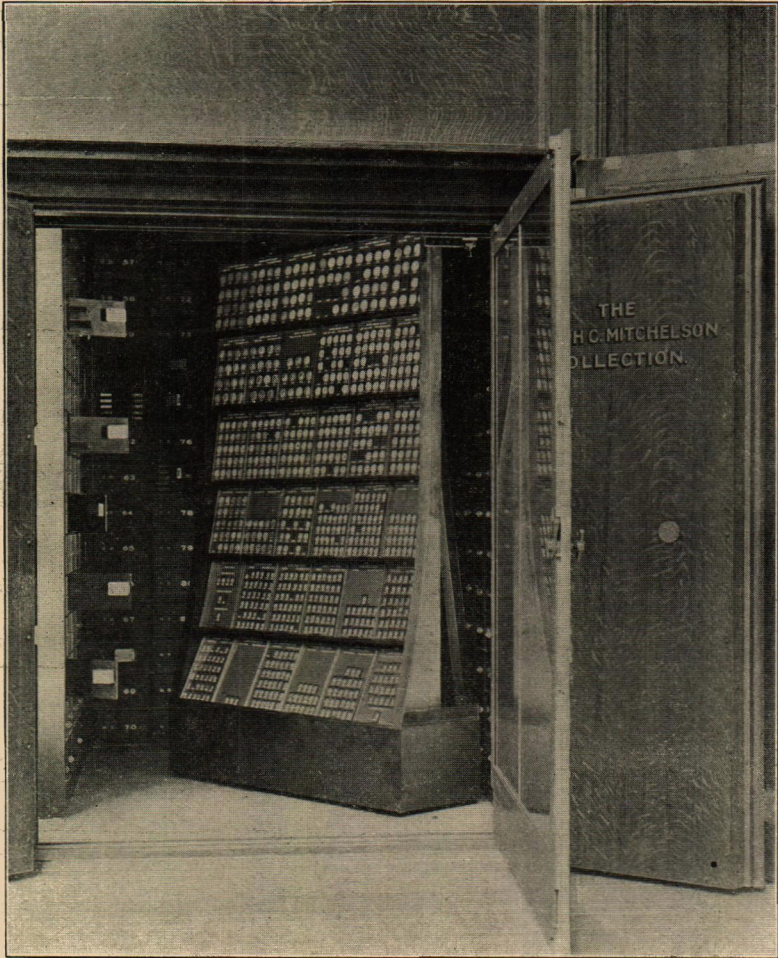
Connecticut State Library—Main Entrance Hallway.

he will also furnish you tickets for the different entertainment features, likewise a convention badge. During Saturday morning and afternoon you will have an opportunity to install your exhibit, if you bring one. If not, perhaps you will enjoy seeing others install theirs, and you will also have a

chance to get acquainted with some who are attending a convention for the first time.

If you do not happen to get acquainted with everybody during the day, the smoker in the evening will furnish an additional opportunity. While the men are enjoying a smoke and telling how good a fellow everybody else is, the ladies will be taken care of at a theater party.

Sunday morning the program calls for attendance at city churches. Hart-



Memorial Hall, Connecticut State Library, Showing Mitchelson Coin Collection with the door open and the exhibition easel fully occupied.

ford has a number of churches presided over by able ministers, with music which in itself is a complete concert program. Connecticut, at one time noted for its blue laws, now allows professional baseball on Sunday afternoons, and on Sunday evenings there are programs in more than a dozen motion-picture theaters.

Sunday afternoon there will be an excursion to Newgate Prison and the copper mines. Newgate was not only a prison during the Revolutionary War, but in the early days was the State's penal institution. From the



Connecticut State Library Main Reading Room.

prison tower a splendid view of the surrounding country can be had. The copper mines are not featured as one of the attractions for visitors, for to the average person they have little interest. But to collectors they are known as the mines where ore was dug which furnished the copper John Higley used in fashioning his copper threepence pieces.

At 12.30 on Monday, after the morning business session, the official photograph will be taken in front of the State Library.

Monday afternoon another sightseeing trip will take place. This will be about the city and will include a visit to Elizabeth Park, noted for its rose gardens. When roses are not in season there are other flowers of exceptional beauty. It will also include a visit to the Travelers' Insurance Company Tower, the tallest building in New England, and to the Athenium and Morgan Memorial, in which one could spend a week to instructive advantage.

On Tuesday afternoon a trip will be made to industrial Hartford, when visits will be made to the plants of several establishments producing goods of national reputation. Tuesday evening will be theater night, when the visiting members can take their choice of stock company, vaudeville or movies.

The social features will be brought to a close with a banquet on Wednesday evening. Those who have attended A. N. A. conventions know what enjoyable occasions the banquets are.

All in all, the program furnishes abundant diversion, particularly for those who attend the convention as part of their vacation.

While Connecticut is the third smallest State in the Union and its width is only 120 miles, it has 1,752 miles of improved State highways. This fact will be appreciated by those who motor to the convention.

A feature of the Hotel Bond service is that through the management its guests are given the privileges of the Manchester Country Club, the Avon Country Club, the Wethersfield Country Club and the Sequin Golf Club. All have wonderful golf courses and will afford the golfing members of the A. N. A. an opportunity to enjoy a game—if they can find the time.

Of course, the convention has its serious side. There will be four business sessions—on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings—and also the exhibit of coins.

An appeal is made to each member who attends the convention to bring an exhibit. For a number of years A. N. A. conventions were noted for the wonderful individual exhibits assembled. They were not only numerous but comprehensive and of great variety as well. There has been a tendency of late for members to side-step this matter, partly because of the time and labor required and partly because of other reasons. For the last three years a prize has been awarded for the best exhibit. This year it has been decided that no prize will be given. It has failed to stimulate the interest that was expected and perhaps had the opposite effect, as each one felt that in making an exhibit he was a competitor for the prize. Many wonderful coins are owned by A. N. A. members, and a selection made by each one and brought to the Hartford convention will help bring back the reputation our exhibits enjoyed a few years ago. The individual exhibits need not necessarily be large ones. Those that received the prizes the last three years were comparatively small ones. A goodly number of small exhibits will create a greater interest than a few large ones.

The A. N. A. will have on hand its twenty large exhibit cases, each equipped with locks, which will provide safety. In addition, the State Library, where the exhibit will be held, is absolutely fireproof, and ample police protection will be provided.

NUMISMATICS AND THE A. N. A. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

The July, 1902, issue of THE NUMISMATIST contained the following articles: "Unusual Numismatic Specimens," by Dr. B. P. Wright; "Numismatic Globe-Trotting," by Frank C. Higgins; "Numismatic Cards"; "New England Notes." The department of the A. N. A. contains 15 applications for membership. In his "New York Notes" A. R. Frey reviews a number of recent auction sales.

Meetings of Numismatic Societies and Clubs.

BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—Ordinary Meeting, Wednesday, April 27th, 1927, V. B. Crowther-Beynon, M.B.E., F.S.A., Vice-President, in the chair.

Mr. Crowther-Beynon explained that he had been asked to fill the chair in the unavoidable absence of Major W. J. Freer, through indisposition, and expressions of regret at the Chairman's absence through such a cause were unanimous.

It was moved and decided unanimously to send to Mr. W. J. Andrew, F.S.A., a corporate expression of congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of his recent marriage to Miss T. Tragett of Romsey. It was genuinely felt by all that the occasion called for such an expression of congratulation to one to whom the Society owed so much for a period of upwards of twenty years.

Presentation to the Library: By the Mond Nickel Company, Limited, "History of the Nickel Coinage," by F. R. Barton, C.M.G. Also a specimen of the 25th Anniversary Medal (1900-1925) of the Mond Nickel Company.

Exhibitions were as follows:

By A. H. Baldwin and Sons, Limited, per Mr. P. J. D. Baldwin: Four medals issued by the British South Africa Company, consisting of: Matabeleland, 1893, one bar and Rhodesia, 1896; Rhodesia, 1896, one bar and Mashonaland, 1897; Mashonaland, 1897, no bar; the new medal for Mashonaland, 1890, issued in 1927.

By Mr. V. B. Crowther-Beynon: Elizabeth portcullis halfpenny and a series of early English or Anglo-Gallic jettons in illustration of paper.

By Mr. Lionel L. Fletcher: A copper calendar of 1822, with bust of Sir Isaac Newton.

By Mr. Alan Garnett: A collection of silver-gilt and silver City Guild Livery Badges. These badges were given in silver to liverymen, and in gilt on joining the Court as Assistant or Warden.

By Mr. J. O. Manton: A Coorg (Southern India) medal, believed to be unrecorded. The medal was in pewter, measured two inches in diameter and weighed 417 grs. It was given to his troops by Raja Vera Rejandra Woodiar, when in rebellion against the paramount power of the Honorable East India Company and previously to hostilities with the British Indian troops. The Persian inscription which appears on it was translated by Gen. Geo. H. Pearse as "Oh! Great God! I, your humble servant, do send this man to war, but in your protection and assistance I alone put my trust." Mr. Siddon, of King's College, however, translates it as "God gives the Victory! Oh God praise to Thee Most High! —By the Command." "Sri" (in Canarese) which appears on the medal is the name of the Hindu Divinity.

ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—April 21st. Percy H. Webb, Esq., Treasurer, in the chair.

The evening was devoted to exhibitions.

Mr. Henry Garside exhibited a British Imperial silver half crown, shilling and sixpence, and bronze penny, halfpenny, and farthing, all dated 1926 and bearing on the obverse the remodelled effigy of His Majesty King George V by Sir Bertram Mackennal, R.A.

Mr. C. J. Bunn showed a series of medals of the Wyons.

Mr. Fredk. A. Harrison exhibited 10 coins of modern Spain, showing the change of unit, real, escudo, peseta and peso.

Mr. H. W. Taffs showed a series of English patterns and proofs from Elizabeth to Victoria and a set of the London penny tokens (eighteenth century) with London buildings.

Mr. P. H. Webb exhibited a series of Roman brass in very fine condition and a series of early Roman colonial bronze.

Dr. S. Fairbairn showed a fine sestertius of Nero of the port of Ostia type, and another of Hadrian with reverse "Adv. Aug. Judaeae."

Mr. Gilbert read a short paper on "The Hog Money of Bermuda" and showed specimens of the shilling and sixpence.

Colonel Morrieson exhibited a series of countermarked coins: A shilling of William and Mary countermarked with the arms of Zeeland; Charles II half crown, 1670, with a cross fleurie on face; Queen Anne half crown, 1706,

with a crowned F on the face; Queen Anne shilling, 1704, with "M. C." in a rectangle on the face; George III shilling, 1758, with "E. S." crowned in rectangle on the neck; George III shilling, 1787, with king's head in an oval on face.

Mr. A. H. F. Baldwin exhibited a remarkably fine denarius of Domitilla (Coh. 3) and an unpublished aureus of Caracalla (wt. 105 grains) with rev. Circus, and a siege crown of Charles I of Pontefract Castle (weight 362.25 grains).

On behalf of Messrs. Spink & Son, Mr. M. S. Spink showed:

Penny of Henry I, Hawkins type 4, struck at Wallingford; the extremely rare half groat of Richard III with mm. boar's head; Charles II, crown of 1662, struck in gold; Charles II, crown of 1664, struck in gold; Utrecht noble, imitated from the noble of Edward III of England. Obv., MONE NOVA ORDIN TRAIECTEN. Rev., RES. PARVAE. CRESCUNT. CONCORDIA.; Ghent half noble, imitated from the coinage of Edward III of England; dated 1581, about the time of the revolt of the city from the Spanish Dominion. Obv., MON. AUREA. METROPOL. GAND. FLAND.; Louis XVI d'or, imitation struck in silver gilt at Birmingham for distribution in France at the time of the Revolution with a view to embarrassing the Jacobin Government; a Napoleon five-franc piece countermarked by the Royalists of the Vendee. This party was self-styled the Chouans—a corruption of Chat-huant (owl), whose screech was adopted as war cry by their first chief. It prevailed among his followers long after his death in 1794. With one blow they put Napoleon's eye out, and with another stamped the owl over his head; Second Republic five-franc piece countermarked by Napoleon III; Early Roman Coinage. The excessively rare dupondius of the semilibral standard, issued probably for only two years, between 271 and 269 B. C. It was equivalent to one-fifth of the silver denarius.

Messrs. B. A. Seaby, Ltd., showed:

An antoninianus of Dryantilla. William I penny, type 7 of London; from the Rashleigh and Watters collections. One of the finest known of this type. William I penny, mule of types VII and VIII; William I "PAXS" penny, of very coarse work attributed to St. Davids; a very poor "Reddite" crown which is really rarer than the "Petition" crown; a Victoria pattern half crown with bust from the dies of the halfpenny; a Victoria penny, halfpenny and farthing in silver, of the highest rarity; a large gold medal of Cromwell; a gold and enamel memorial badge of Gustavus Adolphus; an interesting Liverpool badge; an early engraved badge; an early Steward badge of Shakespeare's centenary; Brunswick 5 taler of Augustus, unusually fine; Brunswick 5 taler of Frederick Ulric, unusually fine; double "willow tree" taler of Hassia; sexagonal taler of Michael Apafi of Transylvania, very rare; an interesting "schautaler" of Maximilian of Austria, apparently struck, of colossal size.

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting and dinner of the Society was held May 20th, 1927, at the Boston City Club. Present: President Gifford in the chair, also Messrs. Boyle, C. W. Morse, Stafford, Wardner, Taelten, Willey, Shepardson, F. O. Brown, Davis, Putnam, Wheeler and Pond.

The Secretary's report of the last meeting was read and accepted.

The President appointed Messrs. Faelten, F. O. Brown and Pond as delegates of the Society to the American Numismatic Association's annual convention to be held August 20th, 1927, at Hartford, Conn.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. F. O. Brown: Lincoln silver medal (King No. 504); St. Louis Exposition, 1904, tokens struck over flattened U. S. cents of 1904—Cascade Gardens and Roosevelt political token; also similar, Columbian Exposition, 1893, token struck over U. S. 5c. piece of 1884.

Mr. Davis: Interesting collection Viennese Red Cross colored arm bands for use in the Great War; membership badge of St. John's Commandery, Providence, R. I.; bronze school medal of board of trustees, Washington Public Schools, with bust of Mrs. M. M. Amidon on obverse; soldier's Masonic identification token for Great War (Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Michigan).

Mr. Faelten: Rare silver and bronze coins of the Roman Republic, attributed according to Babelon's "Coins of the Roman Republic."

Mr. Pond: U. S. first issue greenback, \$1, Salmon P. Chase; also U. S. silver dollars 1796, 1798 and 1799, all in beautiful preservation.

It was voted to adjourn.—SHEPARD POND, Secretary, 258 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

DETROIT COIN CLUB.—The seventy-fifth meeting of the Detroit Coin Club was held at 208 Dime Bank Building on Thursday evening, May 5th, 1927. Members present were: Messrs. Allen, Ball, Brisley, Camp, Dworkowski, Grinnell, Helfrich, Hoare, Hughes, Hutchinson, Lodge, Powell, Rapp, Royse and Watson, and visitors, Messrs. Lloyd and Sekerasy. The meeting was opened with President Grinnell presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Application of Mr. R. Earl Sekerasy was received and referred to Mr. Powell for investigation.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Dworkowski: A number of very fine Polish coins, among which were: 1630 Thorn thaler, 1788 Stan. August thaler, 1623 ort, 1662 ort.

Mr. Camp: Centennial dollar.

Mr. Hoare: Coquimba, Chili, half peso necessity money, 1859; Sudan Khalifa dollar.

Mr. Watson: Collections of Roman coins, from Hadrian to Gratianus, illustrating paper which was later read to the club.

Motion was made and carried that at our meeting May 19th we would discuss U. S. 2c., 3c., 5c., 10c. and 20c. issues, with a paper by Mr. Helfrich.

For our meeting of June 2nd, U. S. 25c. and 50c. issues, with a paper by Mr. Brisley and Mr. Dworkowski.

For our meeting of June 16th U. S. \$1 issues.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. H. C. Moore, of Flint, requesting him to be with us on June 16th and give us his talk on the American Dollar.

Mr. Watson was then introduced and read a paper entitled "Roman Occupation of Britain." This paper was splendidly written, full of information and highly appreciated by all.

Motion was made and carried that a copy of this paper be sent to THE NUMISMATIST and also a copy preserved by the Detroit Coin Club.

Donations to the Coin Club were as follows:

Mr. Watson: Bennington half dollar.

Mr. Grinnell: Stone Mountain half dollar.

Mr. Brisley: Valentine's Fractional Currency Classification and Check List.

Mr. Hoare: Broken bank bills, State of Alabama, 25c., 50c. and \$1; Farmers and Exchange Bank, Charleston, \$5 and \$10; Macon Savings Bank, 10c.; Mechanics Saving and Loan, Savannah, 50c.; Bank of Michigan, Marshall, \$1 and \$3; Bank of Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, \$3.

Meeting adjourned and was turned over to Mr. Powell, our auctioneer.—HARRY W. RAPP, Secretary, 822 Bethune Ave. West, Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT COIN CLUB.—The seventy-sixth meeting of the Detroit Coin Club was held at 208 Dime Bank Building on Thursday evening, May 19th, 1927. Members present were: Messrs. Allen, Ball, Binder, Camp, Davis, Dworkowski, Grinnell, Hack, Helfrich, Hoare, Hughes, Powell, Rapp, Royse and Watson, and visitors, Messrs. W. K. Von Weiler and C. A. Temple. Meeting was opened with President Grinnell in the chair.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Grinnell: 1863, \$5, \$10, \$20 uncirculated National Bank notes.

Mr. Hoare: Pan-American silver medal.

Mr. Dworkowski: Collection of beautiful Polish crowns.

Mr. Binder: U. S. Gold: 1879, \$4 Stella, flowing hair; 1884 \$20, proof; 1801 \$10, proof; 1804 \$5, proof; 1806 \$5, proof; \$5.00 C. Bechtler and \$5 A. Bechtler.

Communication from Mr. H. C. Moore was read and placed on file.

Communication from Mr. Moritz Wormser, relative to some member of the Detroit Coin Club preparing a paper to be read at the annual convention, was received and laid over until our next meeting for final disposition.

Application of Mr. Clifton A. Temple was received and referred to Mr. Ball for investigation.

The investigating committee reported favorably on the application of Mr. R. Earl Sekerasy, and on motion he was duly elected to membership.

On motion Mr. John Kay was reinstated to membership in the Detroit Coin Club.

A medal struck by THE NUMISMATIST in 1902 was very generously donated to the Club by Mr. W. F. Fratcher and the Secretary was instructed to request Mr. Fratcher to write the story of the medal for publication.

Mr. W. K. Von Weiler was then introduced and read a paper on the art of manufacturing medals, illustrating his paper with a large number of pieces of medallic art as produced in Holland. After the reading of the paper Mr. Von Weiler very kindly donated a very fine medal of the Pilgrim Fathers to the Coin Club. A unanimous vote of thanks was given Mr. Van Weiler for the beautiful gift and for his very instructive paper.

Mr. J. E. Helfrich was then introduced and read a paper on the minor coinage of the U. S. This paper was so full of information and facts that it was decided to have it reproduced in order that we might all read it again and thoroughly digest it. The attention every member gave to the reading of this paper indicated how intensely interesting it was to all. It was also decided that this would be a good paper to be forwarded to Mr. Wormser to be read at the Convention in August.

A short auction was then held and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 P. M., with all voting that this had been one of our most interesting meetings.—HARRY W. RAPP, Secretary, 822 Bethune Ave. West, Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT COIN CLUB.—The seventy-seventh meeting of the Detroit Coin Club was held at 208 Dime Bank Building on Thursday evening, June 2, 1927. Members present were: Messrs. Allen, Ball, Camp, Dworkowski, Hack, Helfrich, Hoare, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kier, Powell, Secerasy, Stewart, Temple, and Watson, and visitors, Messrs. Hanna and Lloyd. Meeting was opened with Vice President Hutchinson in the chair.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Ball: Collection of Michigan broken-bank bills.

Mr. Helfrich: Collection of old Canadian bank bills.

Mr. Dworkowski: Polish thalers.

The resignation from the Detroit Coin Club was received from Mr. S. Landsberg and, on motion, was duly accepted.

On motion it was definitely decided to have Mr. Helfrich's paper on minor coins of the United States forwarded to Mr. Wormser, to be read at the annual convention.

Application of Mr. W. K. Von Weiler was received and referred to Mr. Camp for investigation.

Application of Mr. Robert B. Hanna was received and referred to Mr. Camp for investigation.

The investigating committee reported favorably on the application of Mr. Clifton A. Temple and, on motion, he was duly elected to membership.

Mr. Robt. H. Lloyd was called on for a few remarks and stated that he was headed for Buffalo, where he hoped and expected to organize a coin club during the summer.

Mr. Robert Hanna also kindly responded to a request for a few remarks.

A general discussion of coins then took place, after which a very good auction was held. A miscellaneous lot of medals was donated to the coin cabinet by Messrs. Ball, Hutchinson, Hoare, Camp and Hanna.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.—HARRY W. RAPP, Secretary, 822 Bethune Ave. West, Detroit, Mich.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—The 141st meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society was called to order on April 27th, 1927, at 57 Sanchez street, San Francisco, at 8 P. M. Due to the illness of President Turrill, Mr. Louis Goodman acted as chairman pro tem. The following members were present: Messrs. Twitchell, Sherow, Goldsmith, Goodman, Kraft, Mohr, Simpson, Jacobson, Hansen, Schubert, Rausch, Brandon and Gallardo. Guest, Dr. Milliken.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. Zerbe was read and ordered filed.

The Society exhibited two new medals received from the Les Amis Medailles d'Art, Belgium.

The subject of the evening being "Coins of German Principalities and Free Cities," Mr. Mohr and Mr. Kraft had brought specimens from their collections and gave most interesting talks on these coins.

Mr. Gallardo exhibited a silver proclamation medal of Iturbide and Anna, his wife, Mexico, 1823.

Current topics were read by the Secretary.

An auction followed, at which good results were realized.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.—
HARVEY L. HANSEN, Secretary, 123 Greenbank Ave., Piedmont, Cal.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—The 142nd meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society was called to order by Vice-President Brandon at the Hotel Layne, San Francisco, on May 25th, 1927, at 8 P. M. The following members were present: Messrs. Wernstrom, Kraft, Goodman, Mohr, Rausch, Rosborough, West, Fellows, Jacobson, Gallardo, Brandon, Schubert, Sherow and Hansen. Guests, Dr. Milliken and Mr. Harris.

The Secretary spoke of the great loss the Society had suffered through the death on May 11 of President Charles Beebe Turrill. He thanked the members who had been present at the funeral. Due to the death of the President, the Society was also without a home, inasmuch as the Society for several years had met at Mr. Turrill's home. The Secretary also stated that we had lost through death our esteemed member, H. F. Vollmer, of Los Angeles. The Secretary was given full power to act in regard to the Society's property located at the home of Mr. Turrill.

The chairman appointed the following committee to secure a meeting place for the Society: Messrs. Goodman, Sherow and Wernstrom.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, Mr. B. Max Mehl of Fort Worth, Texas, was elected to non-resident membership.

Mr. Goodman exhibited 69 U. S. gold dollars in three types.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the executors of Mr. Turrill's estate and to offer to auction his collection of coins, medals and numismatic books.

Attention was called to a letter received from Mr. Wormser regarding the coming A. N. A. convention at Hartford, Conn., and also the fact that members of the Society should submit papers to be read there.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10.30 P. M.—
HARVEY L. HANSEN, Secretary, 123 Greenbank Ave., Piedmont, Cal.

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB.—The regular monthly meeting of the Springfield Coin Club was held at the Cabot Trust Co., at Chicopee, Mass., with eight members present. Messrs. Gaylord, Parsons, Pond, Emery, Stone, Oliver, Kohler and Morse.

Records of the meetings of May 11th and June 8th read and approved. Treasurer's report accepted as read.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. E. C. Kohler: Medals and medallions.

Mr. W. C. Stone: Foreign decorations and English tokens.

Mr. J. E. Morse: Political badges, medals, etc.

Mr. E. C. Gaylord: 1 and 2½ gold dollars.

Auction followed. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.—W. C. EMERY, Secretary.

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB.—The 71st meeting of the Western Reserve Numismatic Club was held Wednesday, May 11th, at the Hollenden Hotel and the following members were present: Messrs. Harley, Freeman, Fisher, Goldwasser, Zatroch, Joers, Rottner, Molnar, Volk, Bickford and Walker.

Mr. Mitzman was proposed for membership.

Dr. Stephan, of Lorain, Ohio, was elected a member.

After a very spirited meeting a number of exhibits were made, as follows:

Mr. Volk exhibited United States coins, all set in mahogany frames so that the reverse and obverse were visible.

Mr. Goldwasser showed an 1898 Japan 5 yen, 1872 gold yen and 1871 2 yen, all in beautiful uncirculated condition.

Mr. Molnar exhibited a beautiful example of 1873 \$3 gold piece and one half and one fourth crowns, siege money of Salzburg.

Mr. Zatroch exhibited a 1795 small eagle \$5 gold piece.

Mr. Chas. Mitzman had a very interesting collection of early silver on exhibition.

Mr. Harley Freeman showed some early Continental currency.

The June meeting will be given over to an auction sale of selections from the different members' collections.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned.—CHAS. H. FISHER, Secretary, Care The Ames Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

WASHINGTON COIN CLUB.—The fourth meeting of the Washington Coin Club was held Friday, May 6, 1927, in Room 402, McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C. Mr. Russell presided. Members present: Messrs. Deetz, Hodge, Heid, Belote, Russell, Emery and Zug. Visitors, Mr. J. D. McCauley and Dr. W. O. Emery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Belote gave us a short talk regarding the Mint collection of coins and medals at the U. S. National Museum. Mr. Belote also answered a number of questions.

Meeting adjourned 11.00 P. M.—G. H. EMERY, Secretary, 2232 Cathedral Ave., Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON COIN CLUB.—The fifth meeting of the Washington Coin Club was held on May 27th, 1927, in Room 402, McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C. Mr. Russell presided. Members present: Messrs. Amick, Deetz, Heid, Emery, Hodge, Russell and Zug. Dr. W. O. Emery, guest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from Mr. Wormser and Mr. Duffield and were placed on file.

Messrs. Zug and Emery visited Mr. Collins and found him very cheerful and back on his feet.

Meeting adjourned 11.00 P. M.—G. H. EMERY, Secretary, 2232 Cathedral Ave., Washington, D. C.

NUMISMATIC AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, PHILADELPHIA.—A special meeting of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia was held by invitation of Mr. Edward Hoopes at his country residence, Highland Farms, near West Chester, on Wednesday, June 1, 1927. Present, fifteen members and a number of guests, who assembled at the Union League and left at 4 P. M. in automobiles furnished by the members. Upon arriving at the farm, the president, Mr. David Milne, after a short speech, introduced Mr. Joseph Downs, assistant director of the Pennsylvania Museum, Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park, who spoke upon "American Furniture and Crafts." He began by taking those present from room to room of the residence, going over the objects of interest therein—furniture, glass, porcel'ain, pictures, etc. Upon completion of this interesting subject a bountiful luncheon was served, after which an inspection of the stock and other objects of interest on the farm took place.

Adjourned at 8.30 P. M.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.—The semi-monthly meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held in the Municipal Museum library on June 7th at 8 P. M.

Preceding the regular session an illustrated lecture on "Adventures of Coin Collectors in Africa and Mediterranean Ports" was given by Mr. George J. Bauer. The association gave Mr. Bauer's talk a hearty reception.

The following members were present: President Plumb, Vice-President-Secretary Parker, Treasurer Peake, Messrs. Lindboe, Woodbury, Gillette, Kuhne, E. Peake, Lange, Sunday, Horner, Richardson, Stanley, Reddick, Bauer, and two visitors.

President Plumb called the meeting to order.

It was moved and seconded that the annual picnic be held on June 19th at LeRoy, the objective being the home of Mr. C. F. Clark, numismatist, who so often has proved our gracious host. Carried. It was ordered that the start be made from the George J. Bauer building at 2 P. M. sharp.

Upon motion, William F. Sunday was appointed a committee of one to draft a set of rules governing auctions. Carried.

There being no other business, the regular order was suspended for the auction. Mr. Sunday acted as auctioneer, disposing of about 100 lots of fine coins. Among the exhibits were ancient Romans sent from Naples by E. T. Seltman, Esq.

Adjourned at 10.45—ARTHUR C. PARKER, Secretary, Municipal Museum, Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.—Organization meeting held May 13, 1927, at 611 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted.

The following officers were elected: Edward A. Gilroy, president; R. C. Watson, vice-president and treasurer; Fred H. Becker, secretary.

The following are the charter members: Fred H. Becker, R. C. Watson, Robert W. Lewis, C. E. Noland, C. R. Schunke, John B. Aldred and Edward A. Gilroy.

Visitors present were Messrs. George Bauer and Paul Lange, of Rochester, who gave much helpful advice in forming the Association.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Bauer: U. S. half dollars, dollars.

Mr. Lange: Roman gold, silver and bronze; also United States cents.

Mr. Gilroy: Fractional currency in blocks and strips.

On motion made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned.

MR. NICHOLS MENTIONS SOME OF HIS COINS.

I have often thought that if we collectors would from time to time write short articles for THE NUMISMATIST, telling of some of the historical or odd and unusual specimens in their collections, a great many of the readers would enjoy reading them. The first two items I mention in my collection were received from a friend of mine, who was in the employ of the Chinese Government in 1922-23, as follows: Ancient bronze Mongolian coin, which was presented by a native of Mongolia, this being the first white man he had ever seen. The other is a piece of the Sacred Chinese Death money, made out of cardboard and burned by priests during the burial ceremony of wealthy Chinamen and very difficult to secure. A few others I mention, as follows:

Necessity money for the Island of Terceira, 1829, Portuguese colony, coinage of Maria II, cast from bell metal during the Queen's flight to the island in 1829.

Two nickel coins of Belgium, 1895. Both have the same design on obverse and reverse. Inscription on one coin is in French, and on the other coin in Dutch.

A set of the new coins of Albania, 1926, silver and nickel, my set being the first received at St. Louis.

The first gold coin purchased for my collection some years ago is a United States \$1, 1852, O mint, condition about uncirculated. This piece was one of 150 gold dollars found in my town at the home of an old invalid lady after her death. The coins were in an old trunk in a woodshed.

At some future time I will send in an article on the early money of Missouri.

Canton, Mo., June 6, 1927.

JOHN D. NICHOLS,

A. N. A. No. 2103.

GREAT BRITAIN TO HAVE NEW COINAGE.

The committee which has for the last three years been considering the question of the British coinage has finally come to a decision. This, it is understood, will be embodied in a new silver coinage, both in design and metal, to be issued next year, and will include all denominations from the crown downward, as has been the practice of the Government for the last four centuries.

NUMISMATIC WIVES.

(Read by one of them at the One Hundredth Meeting of the Chicago Coin Club,
June 1, 1927.)

There's a band of loyal women
Whose woes are all unsung,
And in halls of martyred heroes
Their pictures are not hung.

But tonight I'm going to tell you
Of these sad and blighted lives—
They're the tribe of loyal women
Known as numismatic wives.

Do they need a gay new bonnet
Or a floor lamp and a chair—
They will get a Lincoln medal,
Very beautiful, very rare.

It is told in guarded whispers
How one numismatic wife
Sent husband out to buy a house
But had the shock of her life

When he instead came back to her
With a gorgeous coin, and rare,
And the only thing that she could do
Was rave and tear her hair.

On days when Johnny's fretful
And Jimmy drives you wild,
You think you'll just step out and let
Your husband mind the child.

You feed him a good dinner,
Then ask the favor light,
"My dear, I'd love to do it."
But this is Coin Club night."

Not fire, nor flood, nor sudden death,
Not tears, nor prayers, nor fright,
Will keep a numismatic man
At home on Coin Club night.

On Sunday, when I say: "It's time
For church. Go comb your hair."
It's "I'm meeting Elmer Lawless
At the Jewish Market Square."

Ah! well, it isn't half so bad;
We're really glad it's so.
There aren't many places
We'd rather have you go.

There's something fine and wholesome
In your coins that warms the heart.
There's the pageantry of history.
The mystery of art.

There's your friendship for each other
That makes your faces bright,
And we greet you and your hobby
On this hundredth Coin Club night.

—Anonymous.

COINAGE FOR MAY, 1927.

Following is the number of pieces of the different denominations coined at the mints of the United States during May, 1927, as officially reported by the Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D. C.:

Gold—Double Eagles, 408,500.

Silver—Standard Dollars, 500,000; Quarter Dollars, 440,000; Dimes, 4,460,000.

Nickel—Five Cents, 4,472,000.

Bronze—One Cent, 13,058,000.

Coinage other than United States:

Nicaragua—Nickel, 100,000; bronze, 250,000.

FROM CORNELIUS AGRIPPA.

By Edward Coote Pinkney, 1808-1828.*

As for his probity, I praise it not;
 For often traveling with empty pockets,
 Instead of paying honestly his shot
 In angels, nobles, marks, sequins, or ducats,
 He gave for board and lodging what seemed cash,
 But turned as soon as he was gone to trash.

His circulating medium was some scraps,
 In fact, of paper, and had seen no mint;
 And this his magic, hazarding perhaps
 At paper-currency an early hint,
 Mine host deluded into the condition
 (See Shakespeare) of "a scurvy politician."†

Why should we censure him?—such acts are known
 To be most common 'mongst the brave and free;
 The glorious French Republic, and our own,
 Paid, History saith, the costs of liberty
 In like coin; since Agrippa, many a debtor
 Has satisfied his creditors no better.

*From the Life and Works of Edward Coote Pinkney, compiled by Thomas Ollive Mabbott and Frank Lester Pleadwell, The Macmillan Co., 1926.

†Who seems "to see the things he does not" according to King Lear, IV, iv, 176.

A NUMISMATIC STORY.

An A. N. A. member sends the following "numismatic" story and suggests that in publishing it an invitation be extended to all members to submit other stories of some incidents in their collecting careers:

I remember a little story that was related to me several years ago by a fellow salesman when we were working together on a deal. He learned that I was interested in coins and paper money and told me his experience in selling some Cuban bank notes shortly after the Spanish-American War.

He enlisted and got as far as Tampa, when he was discharged and given transportation home. Instead of going North, he and his buddy went to Havana, and after loafing about a few days they discovered a shop that had formerly outfitted Spanish soldiers. They bought the stock of military buttons for uniforms, took them back to Tampa, mounted them on cardboard and sold them quite readily to the soldiers encamped there, as these soldiers were very anxious to secure Spanish souvenirs of some sort. A return trip was made to Havana for more buttons and, failing to find any, they bought a large lot of paper money issued by one of the Spanish banks in Havana at about five cents on the dollar. This paper money was uncirculated and for this reason did not sell at all to the soldiers in Tampa, who wanted "used" money. As they had considerable capital tied up in their last venture, it was necessary to place this uncirculated currency in "used" condition. A grocery store supplied them with a pound of coffee and a tobacco shop a package of snuff. They took these purchases to their room, borrowed a coffee pot from the landlady and boiled some coffee. A roomer, down the hall, smelling the coffee, came in to ask for a cup and coffee was served all around. They had a pleasant chat, the neighbor retired to his room, more coffee and water was put in the pot, and when it was boiling, the package of snuff and the currency were thrown in. The idea was to allow this mixture to color the paper money over night, dry out the pieces in the morning and take their stock of "used" currency to the camps the next day. The two boys retired, but during the night their dreams were interrupted by loud groans coming down the hall. Upon investigation they found that the neighbor that had partaken of a cup of coffee with them was seriously ill with cramps and, fearing death, had one of them rush for a doctor, while the other telegraphed for a son in another city to come immediately. The doctor immediately asked the neighbor what he had recently drank or eaten, and the neighbor stated that perhaps he had drank too much coffee, because

during the night he had gone to the boys' room for another cup and, finding them asleep, had helped himself to one.

"You mean to tell us that you drank from that pot after we had gone to bed?"

"Yes."

"Did it not taste queer to you?"

"Yes, a little, but I did not notice it much. You see, I am a great coffee drinker and I just could not go to sleep unless I had another cup, and I knew it would be all right with you, so I did not wake you up."

"My guns, man, that coffee pot is jammed with snuff, coffee, and paper money!"

A stomach pump soon eased the patient, but the doctor said he had had a very close call.

The "used" money was readily sold the next day to the souvenir hunters at the camps.

BRITISH MEDALS FOR CAREFUL DRIVING.

Silver medals, and perhaps gold, are to be awarded to automobilists throughout Great Britain for careful driving. The competition is open to all drivers of any class of road vehicle employed by members or subscribers to the National Safety First Association. A silver medal is awarded to every driver who completes five consecutive years free from blameworthy accidents. At the end of each year free from accident each driver gets a diploma. It is planned to award a gold medallion to those drivers who go ten consecutive years free of blameworthy accident.—Montreal Star.

MEDALLIC ART REVIVED IN ROME.

Medallic art is having a marked revival in Rome since the World War, says a dispatch from that city to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A contest for the best medal representing the Eternal City has just closed and the first award was given to Signor Mistruzzi for his magnificent head of "Roma," with the inscription "Alme Sol, Possis Nihil Urbe Roma Videre Maius" (Divine Sun Thou Cannot Contemplate Anything More Great Than the City of Rome).

QUEEN MARIE'S HEAD TO BE ON RUMANIAN COINS.

The Rumanian Parliament has voted that the head of Queen Marie shall appear on the reverse of a special issue of 50 and 25 lei gold pieces ordered struck in London to commemorate the coronation of King Ferdinand as the first sovereign of Greater Rumania. The King's head will appear on the obverse of the coins.

CONVENTION PRIZE FOR THE LADIES.

A silver cup has been provided by Wm. F. Dunham, of Chicago, as an A. N. A. Ladies' First Prize at the Hartford Convention for the best exhibit of coins by a member's wife, under the prize committee's rules.

THE COLLECTOR WHO PLAYED SAFE.

Said a numismatist to me after the war,
When marks and roubles were falling 'way below par,
"I've quite a few, but they give me little concern,
And in time they may even good interest earn.
You see, most of the marks and roubles which I hold
Are daily growing scarcer, for they're all in gold."

THEODORE J. VENN.

THE CHARLOTTE MINT.

The following sketch of the establishment of the Charlotte Mint was published in the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer recently. It was sent to us by Charles C. Cheek, of Sanford, N. C., one of the District Secretaries of the A. N. A., who writes as follows:

"I remember very well in the early nineties that my father would send the gold taken from the Cagle & Burns mines, in the northern part of Moore county, to Charlotte to the assay office. These mines are about thirty-five miles northwest of Pinehurst, the famous resort, and although Pinehurst is situate in what is known as the "sand hill" belt, the mines are in a very hilly or mountainous section, the change from clay to sand occurring between these two points."

When "Gold Rush" Was On in Piedmont Carolina.

It has not been a hundred years since the "Piedmont gold rush" flourished and resulted in Congress establishing a branch of the Philadelphia mint in Charlotte. Holes were being dug all over Mecklenburg county, and counties surrounding it, in search of the valuable glittering metal. A five-year struggle was started by miners which finally ended when Congress authorized that \$50,000 be appropriated for the erection of a "Charlotte mint."

This was the origin of Charlotte's mint, which today is only a figure of speech. The shining substance is no longer sought and no money has been minted here since the Civil War. But on West Trade street a handsome white building which was once the mint stands as a monument to Carolina's "own gold rush." Many architects have termed the rugged old building the most beautiful in the city. Surely it is constructed as substantially as any. A walk through its corridors reveals several foot-thick pillars. The basement resembles some medieval castle.

After the five-year struggle by gold miners in Mecklenburg, Anson, Union, Cabarrus, Rutherford and Davidson counties, Charlotte was designated as a site for a branch of the Philadelphia mint by Congress on November 25, 1835. The site for the building on West Trade street was bought for \$1,500. This property is valued at least a half million dollars today.

Carolina's fight for a mint was somewhat hindered by the fact that a Rutherford company was minting gold pieces. When the Charlotte mint was opened this practice was discontinued. On July 27, 1837, the Charlotte mint opened for business with a huge demonstration. At the time North Carolina gold production was valued at \$500,000, with a mining cost of \$150,000 annually.

On July 27, 1844, while the roof was being repaired, the building caught fire and was partly destroyed. The Government balked at reconstructing it, but D. M. Barrington, representative in Congress from this district, got a bill through authorizing \$25,000 to be expended for rebuilding the burned mint. Although the Government allowed \$25,000 for the rebuilding of the mint, Green W. Caldwell, the superintendent, succeeded in having the work done for only \$20,000. Mr. Caldwell was highly complimented by the Government, and The Jeffersonian, the Charlotte newspaper at that time, carried commendatory editorials about Mr. Caldwell's part in getting the mint reconstructed.

From the time of its opening in 1837, to May 21, 1861, the day following North Carolina's secession from the Union, when it was disbanded, \$5,059,188 in gold was minted in Charlotte. All the metal was mined in this section, indicating the immenseness of the "Piedmont's gold boom."

The Civil War proved disastrous to Charlotte's mint. It has never been reopened as a United States mint. During the war, the Confederates used the building as naval offices. This was partly responsible for the movement from Norfolk to Charlotte of the Confederates States navy yard, making Charlotte the only inland city ever to possess a "navy yard."

When the South surrendered, the former mint was used as offices for Federal armies in this section during the reconstruction period. After the Federals disbanded, the building was turned into an assay office. It remained such until a few years ago. Until the removal of the Eighth district prohibition offices from Charlotte to Richmond, its aged walls housed the movements of prohibition enforcement workers in this section.

The Reason I "crow"⁹⁹ is because I HAVE SOMETHING to crow about!

Please refresh your memory:—

Think of the really important collections offered and sold in recent years—say, in the past ten or fifteen—and see whether or not by far the greater preponderance of them were MEHL SALES or handled by MEHL—among which you'll note such famous collections as the Manning of Albany; the Rawson of Boston; Conover of Chicago; Dr. Wilharm, Pittsburgh; Ten Eyck, Albany; Fred Joy, Boston; Judge Slack, San Francisco; Mann, Denver; Imhoff, New York, and many, many others. They came to me here in Texas from **every** part of the country! There must be a mighty sound reason for my enjoying such a marked preponderance of the coin business of the country.

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

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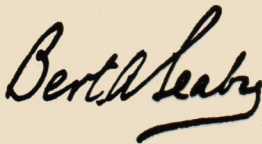
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